

We claim:

1           1. A system for supporting a quote-receiving entity located at a remote  
2 location from a central server, the system comprising:

3           a quote software for delivering a quote for goods or services from a  
4 provider to the receiving entity through the central server;

5           a communications network software operable by the receiving entity,  
6 the communications network software allowing individuals at the receiving  
7 entity to propagate information among a predetermined number of other  
8 individuals at the remote location; and

9           the communications network software operating on the central server.

1           2. The system of claim 1, wherein the quote software is a module  
2 located on the central server.

1           3. The system of claim 1 wherein the quote software is located on  
2 another computing device; and

3           the quote is delivered from the another computing device to the central  
4 server.

1           4. The system of claim 1, wherein the quote software is initially  
2 resident on a provider server; and

3           the quote software is resident and operable on the central server after  
4 a request by the central server.

1           5. The system of claim 1, wherein the provider downloads information  
2 to the receiving entity through the communications network.

1           6. The system of claim 1, wherein the provider is a provider of  
2 insurance and the quote is a quote for insurance rates.

1           7. The system of claim 1 wherein the receiving entity is a broker.

1 8. The system of claim 1 wherein the receiving entity is a consumer of  
2 insurance.

1 9. A system for supporting a quote-receiving entity located at a remote  
2 location from a central server, the system comprising

3 a quote software for delivering a quote for goods or services from a  
4 quote-propagating entity to the receiving entity through the central server; and

5 a communications network software operable by the receiving entity,  
6 the communications network software allowing individuals at the receiving  
7 entity to propagate information related to the goods and services to a quote-  
8 propagating entity.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the quote software is a module  
2 located on the central server.

1 11. The system of claim 9 wherein the quote software is located on  
2 another computing device; and

3 the quote is delivered from the another computing device to the central  
4 server.

1 12. The system of claim 9, wherein the quote software is initially  
2 resident on a provider server; and

3 the quote software is resident and operable on the central server after  
4 a request by the central server.

1 13. The system of claim 9, wherein the provider downloads information  
2 to the receiving entity through the communications network.

1 14. The system of claim 9, wherein the provider is a provider of  
2 insurance and the quote is a quote for insurance rates.

1 15. The system of claim 9 wherein the receiving entity is a broker.

- 1 16. The system of claim 9 wherein the receiving entity is a consumer
- 2 of insurance.